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**ALLAN KAWADA
VALEDICTORIAN OF
CLASS OF '56.**

This year's top students receiving the highest honors any high school student can receive are Allan Kawada and Virginia Pool. Valedictorian Allan Kawada will speak of our era subject related to Atomic Powers on graduation night. Allan has maintained the highest grade average of the seniors in the graduation class salutatorian Virginia Pool has had the honor of maintaining a close race to Allan by placing second in the grade averages.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND THANKS

The Journalism Class would like to express their thanks to Mr. C. Lee Young, Manager of the Brentwood Daylite Market for bearing the expense of this publication.

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Mrs. Mary Jane Barnes, our advisor who has been a great help to the class.

Mrs. Griffith, Miss Aspar and Mr. Elder who aided in the correction of paper faults. Mrs. Barnes' absence.

Mr. James Alves who also has cooperated with the publication of the paper.

To the class members who willingly purchased ads for our June issue of the Lions Roar.

And in addition to her for making time to prepare the paper for publication.

STUDENTS RECEIVE BANK OF AMERICA AWARDS

Every year Bank of America issues awards to outstanding seniors in high schools all over the state. This year a fine group of eligible Liberty students received them in the middle of the school term. These students receiving them were Allan Kawada, Mathematics, Gary Kataoka, Laboratory Science, Betty Huddelsen, Music, Novis Downs, Art, Rocco Seneo, English, Leo Lamberti, Social Studies, Koletta Cannon, Business Education, Janet Partridge, Languages, Lena Lopez, Home Economics, Guido Tiovero, Agriculture, and Roger Stone, Trades and Industrial Arts.

The Gold Cup winners were Gary Kataoka, Science and Mathematics, and Janet Partridge, Liberal Arts. Gary Kataoka was also chosen zone contestant.



**VIRGINIA POOL
SALUTATORIAN OF
CLASS OF '56.**



JOURNALISM STAFF, L to R, Gary M., Shirley D., Ofelia P., Vic B., Wanda C., Koletta C., and Charlotte B.



STUDENT BODY OFFICERS, L to R, Gary K., Jack E., Bob C., Charlotte A., and Cleo G.

THANKS TO ADVISORS

For the past four years the senior class advisors, Mr. Lucio and Mrs. Beatrice Cross have continuously been at the back and call of the active members of the senior class. Since their freshman year when they began to present their social activities, they have advised the group in their endeavors.

We seniors would like to take this opportunity to express our deepest thanks and appreciation for all the help you have extended to us in the past four years. We hope we can always keep in close contact with you.

The Class of '56



COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM

PROCESSIONAL	March Pontificate --Gaius "Pomp and Circumstance" --Elgar L, U, H, S, Band
PRESENTATION OF COLORS	L, U, H, S, Cadets
INVOCATION	The Reverend Charles Silbertsen
PRAYER	Moltin L, U, H, S, A CAPPELLA CHOIR
SALUTATORY	Virginia Pool
VALEDICTORY	Allan Akio Kawada
ODE TO MUSIC	Chopin L, U, H, S, BAND
PRESENTATION OF CLASS GIFTS	Michael Devere O'Brien
PRESENTATION OF AWARDS & DIPLOMA	Mr. B. J. Callaghan
HAIL LIBERTY	L, U, H, S, BAND
BENEDICTION	The Reverend Raymond Reali
RETURNS OF COLORS	L, U, H, S, Cadets
RECESSIONAL WASHINGTON POST	Souza L, U, H, S, BAND



MIKE O'BRIEN
CLASS PRES.

This year's senior class Pres., Mike O'Brien, is a 5 ft. 11 inch freshman. Blue-eyed, brown-haired Mike was born in Antioch, but has gone to school here in Brentwood all his life. His greatest thrill was when he beat John Sweet, and the thing he dislikes most was when Liberty lost to Amador. Dolores Vincent plays a major role in Mike's life, but he says his secret desire is to be manager of Sears Roebuck & Co. by whom he is employed at the present time.

Mike is president not only of the Senior Class but of the Block L, and has played baseball and football every since his freshman yr.



JOHN GARCIA
VICE-PRES.

He is John Garcia, a 5' 5" senior and vice president of the Senior Class. John was born in Altamira, but since he has lived in Brentwood all his life, he is considered a Brentwoodite. He has brown eyes, dark brown hair, and a shy grin. His favorite food is fried chicken and he likes to cruise around with Leon and Roger after school and on weekends. Johnny can be seen working at the Rexall Pharmacy. His future plans include joining the service after he graduates and then going to C. U. P. with the intention of becoming a pharmacist.



VESTA RIOS
CLASS SEC.

Vesta (Barbeld) Rios, this year's senior secretary, is a delightful 5' 6" brunette with dark brown eyes and dark brown hair contrasting with a creamy white skin. Vesta was born April 17, 1939 in San Francisco, so our gal is city born. She began her education at St. Vincent de Paul's in San Francisco and then came to Brentwood and attended Brentwood Elementary and Liberty.

Our 118 lb. beauty has been very active during all her years. She is a member of Rally Club, Latin Club, Spanish Club, Annual Staff, C. A. A., Girls League, President of F. H. A., for the years 1955-1956, Student Council, life member of C.S.F. Business manager and a member of the Honor Roll.

Vesta surprised all of us by marrying this past year, but her role as a housewife has not discouraged her from making plans to go on to E.C.C.I.C. Her ambition seems to be to become a better homemaker and to train herself as a lab technician and or a medical secretary.



KOLETTA CANNON
TREASURER

The treasurer of the Class of '56" was born on November 21, 1938 in Hanford, California. Koletta Cannon, who is 5' 8" tall and has blue eyes and light brown hair, has attended the local schools of Brentwood all of her life. Her likes are good music, dancing, clothes, swimming. Rocky Road ice cream, and boys. Her dislikes range from western music, gum-popping, spinach, to congested boys. Koletta enjoys all sports and loves to collect records. Her two secret desires are to become a private secretary, and a fashion model.

Koletta has been on the Honor Roll C.S.F., G. A. A., F. H. A., treasurer of the Senior Class, treasurer of the Journalism Class, and Co-Editor of the Lions Roar. Koletta can either be seen with Joyce, Pete, Sally, Bette, Marg, or Wanda. If she isn't with one, she's not in school.

Koletta's future plans are to attend Chico State College next year. There she hopes to take up a business course.



GUIDO NOVERO
SGT. OF ARMS.

Guido Novero, Senior Class sgt. at arms, is a black haired, hazel eyed Italian with a quiet personality and a wonderful smile. Guido has distinguished himself with his activities in F. H. A. His future plans include a lot of Carmen Berumen.



VIRGINIA POOL
STUDENT COUNCIL
REPRESENTATIVE

Virginia Pool is a Brentwoodite born in Oklahoma. She has been active all her four years in school and this year was elected Student Council Representative. Virginia works after school as a typist. She ran and is usually seen with Les Reed.

STAFF

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UNFORGETTABLE MOMENTS CONTINUED FROM PG. 3

Delphia Scroggins--My most memorable moment during my senior year was realizing that all the moments were memorable.

Virginia Pool--My most unforgettable moment (a time) I made my first death jump off the diving board into 10 feet of water and found out I couldn't swim.

Cleo Gambetta--My most treasured possession of my school days is the lovely collection of jokes I learned in Class.

Charles Willis--One of my greatest moments of the year was when I was elected co-captain of the football team by my team members.

Jo Hurst--The most unforgettable moment of my senior year was when I was a bridesmaid at Delphia Forehand's wedding.

Lena Flores--My most unforgettable moment was when it was announced that I had won the Bank of America award for being the outstanding homemaker of Liberty for the year of 1955.

Leona Hurd--My most unforgettable moment was when I became engaged to Fred Britt on October 30, 1955.

Gary Stakos--The most unforgettable moment of my senior year was when I saw my first big game between Cal and Stanford.

Bob Wolfe--My most unforgettable moment was when I tied for second and third place in the league meet.

Vesta Rios--One of my most unforgettable moments during my senior year was when I got married.

Diana Duffy--One of my unforgettable moments came when I forgot to take my pajama bottoms off and wore them to school.

Nida Saucedo--My unforgettable moment was when I became engaged to Aurelio Monteverde Jr.

Tom Shelton--Playing basketball with Bob, Roger, Guido, and Item.

Rocco Senor--Seeing the football team beat the San Ramon Wolves.

Virginia Lima--When I handed in my term paper at 11:12 a.m. on May 15, 1956.

Gladys Wightman--One of my unforgettable moments was seeing the Lions beat San Ramon.

Darlene Reynolds--When all the choir went to C. U. P. to sing.

Charlene Longson--When I was informed that I had passed the already discontinued test.

Barbara Collins--When the swimming team threw me in. Clothes and all.

Dennis Hamlin--When I was given 25 demerits for doing nothing.

Bill Simpson--The highlight of my senior year was when Mr. Williams told me that some day I would probably become a famous inventor. He explained that most all inventors were extremely lazy.

Louise Tarango--When I was chosen as a queen contestant.

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UNFORGETTABLE MOMENTS

BY KOLETTA CANNON

During your last year in high school you have many memories (and unforgettable moments) of things you have done by yourself, with your friends, or with people you meet. Below are the unforgettable moments and highlights which occurred to you Senior Class of 1956.

Bea Manor--I consider the privilege of seeing and listening to the blind musicians a most unforgettable event in my senior year.

Art Hartee--My most unforgettable moment will be when I graduate.

Johnny Garcia--The day I turned in my term paper.

Danny McLain--The most unforgettable moment in my senior year was when I broke a 17 year old track record in the mile run.

Sue Myers--Running as a candidate for Homecoming Queen.

Pete Lunsford--The night I spent in Simpson's Jewelry from 7:30 to 9:30 and afterwards.

Gerald Kuhn--When Mr. Inman said a 30 page term paper was required, and then changed his mind and said there was no limit.

Tony Martinez--Censored!!!

Charlotte Allen--Most of all I remember the time the Lions beat the San Ramon Wolves in football, and then won the championship later.

Joyce Townsend--The highlights in my senior year was going to C. C. P., tossing in a choir of 1,475 high school students from all over California.

Barbara Treat--The highlight is my engagement during my senior year.

Ken Colburn--The day I finished my term paper.

Bob Pastor--My biggest highlight during my senior year was when I got my new car on February 14.

Charles Pringle--Beating San Ramon.

Wanda Clifton--Having a powder fight with the girls in gym.

Janet Partridge--My most unforgettable event was Homecoming.

Don Wilson--Probably my most thrilling highlight of my senior year was being chosen drum major for the LUHS band.

Merland McClelland--I guess my most unforgettable moment was during the Homecoming Parade when I was dressed up like an Indian and Pat Hagerty, who was also dressed like an Indian, fell through a hole covered by paper and fell off the truck.

Roberta Arguelles--My unforgettable moment was when we gave my brother a surprise dinner before he left for the army.

Gloria Murphy--I was very surprised when I was given a surprise birthday party on my 18th birthday.

Bob Medeiros--When I finished my term paper and passed the Constitution test.

Betty Huddleson--Playing a solo at the Spring Concert.

Jerry McCurtain--When I got Mr. Lucio for my Senior Social Studies teacher.

Raymond Johnson--My most unforgettable moment was my senior year.

Wanda Duncan--Finally finishing the 13 bond bottom holes on my red dress in Clothing.

Joyce Swiregood--When I passed the Constitution test.

Elwanda Ilarigraves--The most unforgettable moment in my senior year was the day I finished my term paper.

Diane Cov--When someone untied the ribbons on my blouse.

Kolett Cannon--One of my most unforgettable moments during my senior year was trying to learn how to ice skate and taking Roger down with me every time we skated together.

Marge Beck--I had a very exciting and sticky cupcake fight with Wanda.

Sidro Domingo--The day I flunked the Constitution test.

Roger Stone--The end of the Alhambra game after we won the championship.

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SENIOR WHO'S WHO

By Barbara Collins

MYSTIC TROUSERS
(Boy) Allan Kawada
(Girl) Barbara Allen

PERSONALITY
(Boy) Bob Anderson
(Girl) Anita Domingo

TRICKS
(Boy) Larry Ataka
(Girl) Gloria Cannon

APPROPRIATE
(Boy) Ken Peterson
(Girl) Vesta Rios

PROUDLY
(Boy) Rocco Secin
(Girl) Sue Myers

BYSTANDER
(Boy) Charles Willis
(Girl) Cleo Lamberti

NEAREST
(Boy) Bob Medeiros
(Girl) Pauline Simon

IMMEDIATE
(Boy) Vic Buckner
(Girl) Wanda Lutton

TALENTED
(Boy) Frank Graglia
(Girl) Betty Huddston

DYNAMIC
(Boy) Andrew Martin
(Girl) Louise Tarango

ATHLETE
(Boy) Tom Shelton
(Girl) Sally Rios

ARTIST
(Boy) Toby Sanchez
(Girl) Marje Neck

TALLEST & SHORTEST
(Tallest) George Henry
(Shortest) Jacko

DIMPLES
(Boy) John Gattia
(Girl) Joyce Swiceghod

HYPOCRISY
(Boy) Roger Stone

SMILE
(Boy) Guido Novero
(Girl) Delia Harrington

HAIR
(Boy) Sidie Domingo
(Girl) Janet Farinace

TELL
(Boy) Ken Gibson
(Girl) Pete Lombard

LOVE
(Boy) Mike Gibson
(Girl) Virginia Lima

Being a senior who's who is a task that the Senior Social Studies class participated in. Six senior girls and six senior boys were selected as being well dressed and stylish. The results were as follows: Bob Anderson, Roger Stone, Bob Medeiros, Art Barbee, Toby Sanchez, Frank Graglia, Gloria Cannon, Janet Farinace, Sally Rios, Virginia Lima, Vesta Rios, and Pauline Simon.



CLASS OF 57 STUDENT BODY OFFICERS.
L TO R LARRY M., JACK E., MASA K.,
LELAND S., GLORIA B., JANET A.,
JOYCE A., ROSEMARY M., AND JANET
S.



SENIOR CLASS OF 1957. L TO R: BOB P.,
PAT M., JIMMY L., ONITA F., CAROL
M., AND JANET R....



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1. Art Batten, will be leaving no regrets

1. Vic Buckner will tell Mrs. Barnes won't.

1. Aluke O'Brien will my term paper to some poor senior next year

1. Toby Sanchez, will, if I can, cautiously deviate Liberty in

1. Koletta Camon, being of sound mind (I hope, I hope, I hope), will to my brother Charles, alias Pinkie Lee, all the teachers I've had in my four years at Liberty. Also I will leave to Louise Fernandez my job. Then maybe he will have to do a little work for a change.

1. Cleo Gambetta will to Linda Tennant the D flat piccolo in hopes that she will play the sharp better than I did.

1. Isletta Lumsford, alias "Pete", will to Judy Gauger the can of Bab-O that Jacques left Janice, that Janice left to me to wash Mr. Inman down the drain.

1. Charlotte Allen, will my swimming ability to Kay Kawada

1. Guido Novato, will my farming ability to Angelo Betumen

1. Danny McLain will leave my position on the track team "open".

1. Carol Warren will leave with Howard.

1. Andy Martinez will my crazy dancing to Richard Ribeiro and many others

1. Louise Tarango will my Social Studies desk to some poor senior next year.

1. Pauline Simoni will my excellent term paper to Tony Panucchi. He needs it.

1. Don Wilson, will and bequeath my seat in Mr. Williams Sr. Social Studies class to any junior who plans on being a senior

1. Sharlene Longson, will and bequeath all those lousy merits and demerits to any poor devil who wants them.

1. Nova Downs, will leave to start waiting a lousy 3 years for Bob.

1. Albert Anthony Celoni, will and bequeath my hair to q-ball

1. Wanda Clifton, will my position as Head Cheerleader to some poor unlucky cat

1. Diane Cox, will my job at the grammar school to Nancy Ladd

1. Janet Partridge, will leave my position as Annual Editor to Rosemary Machado.

1. Sidro Domingo will Sr. Soc. St. to the juniors

1. Marjorie Beck, will my long, long, long weekends to Cecelia Miguel

1. Frank Urizalva, bequeath my music ability and my hangovers to my good friend, Don Crane.

1. Ibe Aguilar, will leave and take Alice with me.

1. Bob Ponce will leave Johnny and his Terrell holds

1. Wanda Duncan will, my brother, Mark, all my brain(hair) and my ability to hand my homework in. He sure can use them

1. Lena Flores, will to my brother Richard, all my homework in my Senior year

1. Neida Southern, will all my F's in clothing to Pearl Dinamire

1. Diana Duffy, will to my brother the ability to drive his teachers and friends crazy

1. Gloria Murphy, will my happy days in Senior Social Studies to Janet Rossi

1. Carol Horst, will my job at the creamery to Foxie, she can use it!!

1. Joyce Swiggood will leave with no regrets.

1. Bessie Thouras, being of sound mind, do will my place in band as drummer to some unsuspecting new-comer and my ability to cause Mr. Noble's grey hairs to pop out.

1. Isabel Martinez, will leave Liberty at last, I hope!

1. Gary Katakoka will my ability to stay out of trouble to Dan.

1. Vesta Rios, will my high merit standing to Alice Ricca

1. Roberta Arguelles, being of sound mind, will to my sister all the fellas

1. Bob Wolfe, will all my had luck and Senior Problems to my little brother, Gerald

1. Bob Medeiros, will leave my ability to run out of gas and get flat tires at the wrong time to Louise Fernandez.

1. Leona Hurd, will what I will and am sure I will,

1. George Henry, will leave Janet Rossi, to homehead night

1. Jerry McCurtain will if I can get somebody to help me

1. Raymond Johnson, will help Terry

1. Elwanda Harigraives, will to George Townsend, my ex-beau

1. Virginia Lima will leave Liberty to wait for Bill

1. Anita Domingo, will leave

1. Jerry Lee, will probably be here next year

1. Tom Shelton, will Mr. Inman to the Jolly Boys, Jack, Ralph, Henry, Larry, Spike, Jim, and John to do what they want to do with him.

1. Rocco Seeno, will leave my cheerleading ability to some poor nut who is willing to take the risk

1. Gladis Wightman, will Mr. Inman to my sisters--may they finish him off.

1. Delphia Scroggins will Mr. Williams to my little brother, Roland, for Senior Problems class

1. Delores Riley will to my cousin Lois Allen my seat in Mr. Inman's Senior Problems which was vacant half of the time

1. Emelia Machado, will my musical talent to my cousins

1. Joyce Townsend, will my grade in choir to Terry Reed. He needs it

1. Darlene Reynolds, will my job in office to some other darling for Mr. Vonder Albe

1. Barbara Treat, will my mistakes in office 6th period to some unlucky girl who gets it that period

1. Bob Pastor will my new cat to Mr. Inman and Mr. Care for helping me get my merits up and getting me out of a jam

1. Bea Manos, will my ability to be quite in S.S. to Pearl Dinmore

1. Sue Myers, will leave my ability to goof off in social studies and get caught to Gloria Ball. Also I will leave my cousin, Freddie Terry, and Jackie the ability to ditch their senior year and never get caught. Mr. Inman, I leave you my term paper

1. Bob Cecchini will my pitching arm to some up and coming southpaw in the hope that it will benefit him

1. Charles Espinoza, will like to leave the best of luck to the juniors of Liberty

1. Virginia Pool will all the trouble I got into in choir to Judy Gauger and hope she does as well.

1. Barbara Collins, will leave my position as Head Majorette to to Janet Sani

MEMORIES by Rocco Seeno

Graduation will soon be here and as I sit back thinking of the history of our class, a lot of memories pop up in my mind. Remember when Aluke O'Brien was our fresh president? That was a real crazy year when high school seems new and exciting to us.

We won the 11th All-Football championship that year, but our star athletes began then in floundering on the JV squads. Look at them now! In our sophomore year, we really buzzed around. We gave the Soph Hop on Lincoln's birthday with "Let Me Call You Sweetheart" as our theme. Remember Kynoka Pascoe as our Soph Sweetheart?

This year, memories. That was some year. The boys moved into their new gym in March. Bob going back about six months earlier. Remember when we won the 1st All-Football championship? Who could ever forget that exciting game with San Ramon--it was really a thriller.

We were upper classmen next. We took on more activities as we watched our school grow bigger. As juniors we were up a jumping leaders, electing J. G. Stone vice president of the student body and President of the 1st Club Junior Prom. Crystal Dreams was a great affair. Liked by everyone.

Well, another year rolled around and at last we were big seniors. We finally made it. Senior activities began early as pictures were taken. The mighty seniors worked on our sales to improve the treasury, and reaped benefits.

We also won the football championship last year. Who could ever forget the Liberty-San Ramon game played in the heat at Danville? It was our senior boy (now a papa) who caught a pass for our first touchdown. The game was won 21-0 and the championship name later. Remember the exchangeably we had with Albany's Terris. Wasn't it?

Who could ever forget our homecoming? Barbara Collins was Queen with Wanda Clifton, Janet Partridge, Charlotte Allen, and Anna Delgado as her attendants. A beautiful day for a wonderful event. Proceeds from the Queen contest bought a '61 Chevy station wagon for the school.

Basketball season was next, and our senior stars helped create an exciting season. Remember when we beat Albany? That something to be proud of!

About this time, we got measured for caps and gowns. It was then we realized that we hadn't far to go.

Remember the constitution test? What a relief in get it over and done with!

This spring we were all proud of Dan McLain, who broke school, league and sub-section records in the mile. Tom Shelton was another senior track star.

There are several versions of the reason why fish don't bit at a particular time, but we do not care to hear any more of them.

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sports in review

FOOTBALL BY TOM SHELTON

This year's football team had a very successful year. They ended up the year with a seven win and one loss record. They were rated the number one team in the North Coast in B schools.

The Lions opened the season against their old rival, Antioch. This year looked like the year that we were finally going to break Antioch's winning streak over Liberty. The Lions completely outplayed Antioch all the way, but they just couldn't get the ball across the goal line. Antioch scored the lone touchdown of the game in the fourth quarter after the Lions fumbled on their own 5 yard line. It took Antioch 4 plays to finally push the ball across.

In the second game of the year the Lions topped up Pleasant Hill 21 to 0. Jack England scored the Lions' first touchdown of the year on a quarterback sneak. Ralph Mendoza scored the second one of the game at the 32 yard line for the score. Tom Shelton scored the third one as he returned a punt 55 yards to the 2 yard line and then went across on a quick opening up the middle.

The Lions then traveled to Livermore to open up league play. With fullback Louie Fernandez showing the way, the Lions won 19-0. Liberty then traveled to Davisville to tangle with the league favorites San Ramon. Both teams battled back and forth for three quarters without either team being able to score, but in the fourth quarter Jack England hit Al Celoni with a long T.D. pass and the Lions were on their way. The next time they got their hands on the ball they matched 3-0 with another T.D. Urenda went over this time from 7 yards out. Mendoza rounded off the scoring when he punted off a 40 yard run for a T.D.

With the Lions now the toughest team in the league, rolled by Albany 27-13, beat John Sweet 19-6, and then beat Alameda 41-7 to clinch the championship.

On homecoming day the Lions closed out the season with a 7-0 victory over Armijo. In this game they were in serious playing their last high school game of their career. Roger Stone, Al Celoni, Frank Grjalva, Ray Sellers, Chas Pringle, Mike O'Brien, Bill Simpson, Charles Willis, Tom Shelton, and Toby Sanchez.

Charles Willis and Mike O'Brien were voted as Co-Captains for the year by their teammates at the end of the year.

In the all-league selections at the end of the year the Lions completely walked away with the honors. They placed five men on the first team. They were Al Celoni, end; Frank Grjalva, tackle; Mike O'Brien, guard; Charles Willis, center; and Hermie Urenda, halfback. Hermie was an unanimous choice. Charles Pringle at tackle and Roger Stone at end made the second team. Jack England at quarterback and Louie Fernandez at fullback made the third team and Bill Simpson,

guard, Frank Mallet, guard, and Ralph Mendoza got honorable mention.

At the football banquet given by the Lions Club, the entire varsity and junior varsity were given a chicken dinner. All the annual football awards were presented this time. Ted Ohmsted presented the outstanding lineman trophy to Charles Willis and his outstanding backfield man trophy to Hermie Urenda. The scholarship trophy, which is given to the hall player with the highest grades was awarded to Roger Stone. The trophy to the most improved player was awarded to Mike O'Brien. Then the most valuable player was awarded to one of the greatest linemen ever to play football at Liberty, Charles Willis. This banquet closed out one of the greatest football years ever at Liberty, and to look at all the seniors graduating, you would think that the Lions would never have a chance next year, but with such fine coaches as Jack Ferrilli and Lou Kronzani I will give you 2 to 1 odds that next year's team will be another championship team.

BASKETBALL BY TOM SHELTON

The Liberty Lions opened the basketball season with a new coach, Jim Denton. This was his first year coaching, and with what he had to work with, he did a tremendous job. The boys were small, but had plenty of determination. There was not one boy on the starting line that measured over six feet.

The Lions had a 3 and 2 record going into their first league game of the year with San Ramon. The Lions, paced by Herm Urenda's 22 points and Roger Stone's 16 won the first league game 71 to 4. In their second league game they beat Alameda 48-36 in the last 12 seconds of the game when Shelton scored a line jump shot, and Urenda stole the ball and scored an easy lay-in. Then the locals played one of the worst games of the year as they let weak John Sweet team beat them 70-45.

Then came the big game of the year when the locals beat Albany who turned out to be the champs. This was Albany's only defeat. They were defeated 18-45. This was a very close game which saw both teams hold the lead many times. The leading scorers in this game were Tom Shelton with 14 points and Herm Urenda with 13. Livermore handed the Lions their second league defeat 62-19. Although the Lions lost this one, it was no fault of Herm Urenda. Herm scored a total of 27 points for the night which tied our gymnasium scoring record.

The Lions were defeated by a strong Amador team 51 to 47. The locals, seeming not to be able to break their losing streak, lost to San Ramon 66 to 48.

One of the most thrilling games of the year was when the Lions beat Alameda 48-47 on Roger Stone's last second free throw.

Roger Stone with 20 points and Guido Novoro with 19 led the Lions to revenge against John Sweet as they won by the same score 58 to 56.

The Lions held Albany to a very close game for three quarters before Albany's height advantage proved to be too much, and they pulled away from the Lions with 62 to 49. The Livermore Cowboys then handed the locals their worst licking of the year, 76-47. The Lions closed out the season with a loss to Amador, 61-48. Although the Lions closed out the season with a losing record, 8 wins and 10 losses, they still had a successful considering some of the tall teams that they played. Herm Urenda was the leading scorer with 272 points. He was followed by Guido Novoro with 206, Roger Stone with 175, Tom Shelton with 122, and Bob Cecchini with 83.

At the end of the season Roger Stone and Herm Urenda made second team all-league. Roger Stone, who played much sportsmanlike and interested watered captain and received the most valuable player's award.

Four of the Lions' starting five were Roger Stone, Tom Shelton, Guido Novoro and Bob Cecchini. These players have played for Liberty since they will be graduating. But with such reserves as Jim Legon and Carroll Elkins, B's John Mundell and Guido Tarango playing next year along with Herm Urenda, the Lions should have a strong team.

CADET AWARDS

Roy Friedrichs, Port American Legion will supply a trophy of two medal awards for two California cadets.

A trophy and one medal for superior achievement in cadets will be extended to Cadet Corporal Charles Morgan and a medal for excellent achievement will be awarded to Cadet Staff Sergeant Manuel Barrios.

Presenting of the medals will be Commander of Local Legion Post Mr. Dick Wallace of local post and Mr. Carl Williams commandant of cadets.

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SWIMMING BY TOM SHELTON

This year's swimming team, headed by Coach Jack Ferrilli, had a fairly successful year. The squad opened the season by losing to the locals beat Amador 58 to 17. Stockton College then came to Liberty and kicked the Lions 5 to 20. The Lions lost to Albany who later won the league swimming, 44-33. Then they lost to Livermore, who took second in the league swimming meet. The Lions finally won their second meet of the season by downing San Ramon 52 to 19.

By far the best meet of the year for the Lions was their 42 to 19 victory over John Sweet. In this meet four school records were smashed. Allan Kawada broke the 100 freestyle record of 1:01.2. He won it in 1:00.8. Later in the year, he lowered it to 1:00.4. Little Kay Kawada broke the 200 freestyle record of 2:12.3 with a time of 2:02.8. Frank Mallet lowered the 100 breaststroke record of 1:20 to 1:19.1, and Jack England lowered his own school record in 100 backstroke to 1:19.8.

The locals closed their dual meet season with 5 victories over Lincoln, Manteca, Escalante, Patterson, and Orestimba.

In the East Bay Division of the Diablo Valley Athletic Swimming League's swimming meet the Lions took third place behind Livermore and Albany. The only first place swimmer for the locals was Allan Kawada in the 100 yard freestyle. Then in the meet between the East Bay Division and Contra Costa Division of the DVAL the Lions qualified men for the North Coast Section for the first time in the history of school football, Jack England qualified by placing fourth in the 100 yard backstroke, and the 200 yard freestyle relay team composed of Allan Kawada, Jim Parridge, Fay Kawada, and Jack England. Neither Jack nor the relay team made the finals, but at least they went.

THERE WERE EIGHT RECORDS BROKEN IN THIS YEAR, THEY WERE: 50 freestyle - Allan Kawada 26.9; 100 freestyle - Allan Kawada 1:00.4; 100 breaststroke - Kay Kawada 2:27.8; 100 backstroke - Jack England 1:19.1; 200 freestyle relay - Allan Kawada, Jim Parridge, Fay Kawada, Jack England 5:09.8; 100 breaststroke - Frank Mallet 1:19.1; 100 backstroke - Jack England 1:19.1; 200 freestyle relay - Collins, Peterson, Mallet, Pometoy 2:15.1.

BASEBALL IN REVIEW BY ROCCO S.

The '56 baseball team proved to be the surprise of the season, as it wound up taking a co-championship with Alameda in the EBU-DVAL. At first, the young team looked as if it wasn't going very far, but the boys practiced harder and good results followed.

In the first two games against Tracy and Antioch, the Lions lost by close scores. However, they traveled to Concord the next game and slaughtered hapless Pacifica 19-0. Al Celoni, Ralph Mendoza, and Bob Cecchini all helped to contribute that no-hit, no-run game.

League season started with Liberty at Alameda. The Bulldogs were overcome with surprising ease, 10-4, behind the fine pitching of Al Celoni.

Livermore was the next victim as Al Celoni, hitting a triple, and Roger Stone, slamming a home run, ran roughshod over the Cowboys, 15-1.

The Easter week was a vacation, but not for the baseballers, as they traveled to Rio Vista and beat the Rams, 10-2.

League season resumed again and San Ramon fell before the Lions 15-1. The "big game" when the Albany Cougars was next. It was played in a dicey under unusual circumstances. The Lions held a 7-2 lead in the fourth inning, then Albany scored nine runs to lead 11-7. Liberty scored runs in the next inning but the Lions held on. The Lions scored 3 more in the next inning to win the game, 11-11. Rain and more rain cancelled two games. The weather finally subsided and the Lions traveled to Ripon to beat the Redskins, 7-0, in a practice tilt.

The next big game was with Amador at Folsom. The Lions started out fairly well as they scored one run to lead. Amador tied it up later and finally went on to win.

The Lions came back home and squeaked by Alameda, 3-4, in the last inning when Al Celoni rapped a game-winning double. Then we had another squeaker this time. San Ramon, with the Lions coming out 1-2 in the eighth inning, the Lions won 1-0. The Lions subdued the Cougars 4-5, a 4-5 thriller.

Liberty next beat John Sweet, 20 freestyle relay - Allan Kawada, 12-0 and lost to St. Mary's 7-5. Jim Parridge, Fay Kawada, Jack Amador was next, but the Lions lost their second league game to them, this time, 3-2. Bob Cecchini hit a home run with Ralph Mendoza on base to score the only run for Liberty.

Livermore was beaten again, 4-1, as Roger Stone hit his fourth home run of the year, John Sweet was the final game, and Al Celoni and the rest of the team shut out the Indians 3-0. After the game Al Celoni was elected captain of the team for the year.

Amador lost two games, thereby sharing the championship with the Liberty Lions.

Seniors on the team were Roger Stone, Al Celoni, Bob Cecchini, Mike O'Brien and Toby Sanchez.

The boom, so to speak, has boomed.

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